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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form  
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 <035> Contact Telephone Number: 252-514-2203  
 Number of the person identified in data line <030>  
 <039> Contact Email Address: stephanie@contaegis.com  
 Email of the person identified in data line <030>

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**ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS**

		SA 313 Completion Required	SA 432 Completion Required
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<610> <input type="text"/>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <input type="text"/>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1110> <input type="text"/>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000> (check to indicate certification)

<2005> (complete attached worksheet)

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000> (check to indicate certification)

<3005> (complete attached worksheet)

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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form**

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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?  (yes / no)

If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?  (yes / no)

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.


<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets

<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received

<115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality

<116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage

<117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity

<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)









(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form  
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves  
 Iowa Tribe  
 Muscogee (Creek) Nation

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation  
 431977ok920  
 Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each of these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select (Yes, No, NA)	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
Yes	

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form**  
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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(1200) Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Customers  
Lifeline  
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans 431977ok1210

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP

Name of attached document (.pdf)

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

(2020) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation  
 Data Collection Form  
 Including Rate-of-Return Carriers Affiliated With Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers  
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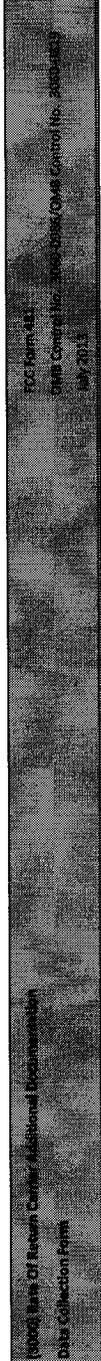
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**CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.**

<p><b>Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting</b></p> <p>&lt;2010&gt; 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>&lt;2011&gt; 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))</b></p> <p>&lt;2012&gt; 2013 Frozen Support Certification <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>&lt;2013&gt; 2014 Frozen Support Certification <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>&lt;2014&gt; 2015 Frozen Support Certification <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>&lt;2015&gt; 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))</b></p> <p>&lt;2016&gt; Certification Support Used to Build Broadband <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))</b></p> <p>&lt;2017&gt; 3rd year Broadband Service Certification <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>&lt;2018&gt; 5th year Broadband Service Certification <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>&lt;2019&gt; Interim Progress Certification <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>&lt;2020&gt; <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>&lt;2021&gt; <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information



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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3010) Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(i), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)) (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) if yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (3014) Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)
(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	431977ok3017
(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3025 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3020) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3021) If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3022) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3023) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3024) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3025) Attach the worksheet listing required information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3026) Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Certification - Reporting Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TEL
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE
	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	431977
	Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0266/OMB Control No. 3060-0263 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TEL	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TEL	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Steve Guest	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Steve Guest	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: President	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 918-377-2241	
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Attachments



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ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(9) – ETCs Serving Tribal Lands

## Section 1: Certification of Officer

Section 54.313(a)(9) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") requires Central Oklahoma Telephone Co., L.L.C. ("The Company") (SAC 431977) to provide documents or information regarding discussions that The Company had with Tribal governments located within The Company's service area. The Company certifies that it followed the guidance outlined in the FCC's July 19, 2012 Public Notice<sup>1</sup> ("Further Guidance") wherein the FCC issued guidance on the Tribal government engagement obligation provisions of the Connect America Fund.

I, Steve Guest, am an officer of Central Oklahoma Telephone Co., L.L.C. and hereby certify that The Company is in compliance with the FCC's Tribal engagement requirements, and the statements made in this report are accurate:

Name of Officer (Print): STEVE GUEST

Title: PRESIDENT

Signature: Steve Guest

Date: SEPT 10, 2013

<sup>1</sup> See Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau Issue Further Guidance on Tribal Government Engagement Obligation Provisions of the Connect America Fund, Public Notice, DA 12-1165, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 et al. (July 19, 2012) ("Further Guidance")

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ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR 954.313(a)(9) – ETCs Serving Tribal Lands

## Section 2: Company and Tribal Information

The Company is a state-designated ETC serving Tribal lands in Oklahoma. The Tribal lands are in Lincoln, Payne, and Okfuskee Counties and were historically part of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Company initiated the engagement process outlined in the *Further Guidance* in 2012. The Company first contacted Tribal leaders on October 11, 2012, about the Tribal engagement process. The following employee(s) participated in the Tribal engagement:

Name: Steve Guest Name: Aaron Gardner  
Title: President Title: In-House Counsel

Name: Carey Gardner  
Title: Marketing Director

The Company successfully contacted the following individual/s:

Name: Amy Scott  
Title: Assistant to Chairman Janice Rowe-Kurak  
Tribal Affiliation: Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Address: 335588 E. 750 Rd  
Perkins, OK 74059-3268  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: 405-547-2402

Name: Michael White  
Title: IT Director  
Tribal Affiliation: Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Address: 335588 E. 750 Rd  
Perkins, OK 74059-3268  
Email Address: mwhite@iowanation.org  
Telephone Number: 405-547-2402

Name: Elexis Hennigh  
Title: Interim IT Director  
Tribal Affiliation: Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Address: 335588 E. 750 Rd  
Perkins, OK 74059-3268  
Email Address: ehennigh@iowanation.org  
Telephone Number: 405-547-4357

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## ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(9) – ETCs Serving Tribal Lands

Name: Jerry Wilson  
Title: Executive Director  
Tribal Affiliation: Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
Address: P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447-0580  
Email Address:  
Telephone Number: 918-732-7600

Name: Elsa Eholá  
Title: Telephony Department Employee  
Tribal Affiliation: Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
Address: P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447-0580  
Email Address:  
Telephone Number: 918-732-7600

Name: Ted Tamage  
Title: Telephony Department Supervisor  
Tribal Affiliation: Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
Address: P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447-0580  
Email Address: ttamage@mcn-nsn.gov  
Telephone Number: 918-732-7610

See Section 8 below for a complete list of successful and unsuccessful contact attempts.

### **Section 3: 54.313(a)(9)(i) A Needs Assessment and Deployment Planning**

Please note: With the exception of two parcels of property owned by the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and noted below, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no tribal headquarters, administrative facilities, casinos, or other tribally owned or trust land is contained within the Company's service area.

#### **Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**

At a face-to-face meeting with the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Company discussed the Tribe's need for additional Internet bandwidth to its Tribal headquarters located near Perkins, Oklahoma. A third-party telecommunications company currently provides Internet service to the Tribal headquarters. Although the headquarters buildings are not located within the Company's service territory, discussions were held about the possibility that one of the Company's subsidiary affiliates could expand its fiber network to the headquarters. Maps showing the Company's current fiber network and its relative position to the tribal headquarters were provided to the Tribe.

Another possible solution proposed by the Company to the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma for increased bandwidth to the Tribal headquarters was the possibility that the Company's affiliate could partner with the Tribe (or the Tribe could act alone) to build a wireless antenna at a point on the Company's fiber network that could serve the headquarters via wireless network technology.

The Tribe mentioned that it had recently purchased a building within the Town of Tryon, Oklahoma, very near to the Company's central office in that town. The Tribe suggested that one possibility would be for the Tribe to move some of its functions to that building so that the Company could easily serve it with high-speed Internet access.

The Company communicated to the Tribe that it could currently provide broadband Internet access to 100% of the residents and businesses – including Tribal members and Tribal member-owned businesses – located within its telephone service territory. The Tribe expressed interest to learn that fact because it owns a trailer park within Tryon in which Tribal members live, some of whom may be interested in broadband service.

The Tribe also inquired as to whether the Company could provide broadband service to a convenience store/gas station owned by the Tribe in the Town of Carney, Oklahoma. The Company informed the Tribe that wireless technology might be a possible solution but that the store was well outside the Company's exchange boundaries and fiber network footprint.

A representative of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma stated that he would investigate whether the Tribe might qualify for (presumably Federal) funding that might be available for underserved Indian land to help pay for possible construction costs associated with either the proposed fiber expansion project or the wireless broadband tower construction proposal.

The Company informed the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma that it would be happy to move forward with either of the aforementioned projects or explore other possibilities to meet the broadband needs of the Tribal government.

#### **Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

The Company attempted to contact Principal Chief George Tiger both by telephone and letter to request a meeting with tribal leaders. Eventually the Company spoke with the Telephony Department Supervisor on the telephone after being directed to him by other Tribal employees. The Company explained to the Tribal representative that it serves two small towns/exchanges within the historical Tribal land boundaries and requested a face-to-face meeting with decision makers of the Tribe. The Company informed the Tribe that it offers broadband service to 100% of the residents and businesses, including Tribal members and Tribal member-owned businesses, within its telephone service territory. The Company was informed that the Tribe did not need any services from the Company but that the Tribe would let members located within the Company's exchanges know that they could obtain broadband service from the Company. (The Company's general advertising alerts those same members of its offered services, as well.)

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ETC Annual Reporting Requirements 47 CFR §54.313(a)(9) – ETCs Serving Tribal Lands

The Tribe's headquarters are a considerable distance from Company's telephone service territory.

#### **Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma**

The Company made several attempts, both by telephone and letter, to contact Principal Chief George Thurman. Telephone messages were not returned, and no response to the letter was received.

#### **Section 4: 54.313(a)(9)(ii) Feasibility and Sustainability Planning**

##### **Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**

The Company shared fiber network maps with the Tribe, detailing the route that could be taken to extend the network to the tribal headquarters. It was determined that such a fiber expansion would be relatively simple physically to build but that it might be cost prohibitive because no other customers could be served by the expansion. Likewise, the maps were used to determine possible locations for a wireless broadband antenna/tower that could provide the link from Company's fiber network to the headquarters.

The biggest challenge to either proposed projects would be for the tribe to secure the necessary funding to pay for the service. As stated above, a tribal representative communicated to the Company that the tribe may qualify for grants or other funding for such a project.

Terrain and remoteness (other than the fact that the headquarters buildings lie outside of the Company's service area) do not appear to be challenges to the feasibility or sustainability of the proposed projects.

##### **Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

Discussions with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation never advanced to the point where feasibility and sustainability planning for specific projects or opportunities could be considered. The Company's two very small telephone exchanges located within the historical Tribal land boundaries are situated at the margin of the Tribal land and do not contain Tribally owned or administered property. The Tribe informed the Company that it does not have specific needs from the Company at this time, but that it would inform Tribal members located within the Company's exchange boundaries who inquired about broadband services of Company's service offerings.

##### **Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma**

Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma Principal Chief George Thurman or his representatives never returned the Company's telephone calls or responded to the Company's letter requesting a meeting. Therefore, no feasibility and sustainability discussions took place.

#### **Section 5: 54.313(a)(9)(iii) Marketing Services in a Culturally Sensitive Manner**

##### **Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**

The Company discussed marketing methods and opportunities with the Tribe, including

consideration of cultural factors. The Tribe requested that the Company provide it with the Company's current marketing materials and service offering information so that it could be incorporated into the Tribal newsletter. The Company delivered the requested information in both hard copy and electronic formats. (The Company has no knowledge of whether the material actually appeared in the newsletter.)

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

As the Company's requests for a meeting with Tribal decision makers was not granted, engagement on marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner was not very developed. The Company's telephone conversation with the Tribe's Telephony Department Supervisor led to its providing, in both hard copy and electronic formats, marketing materials to the Tribe for its review and possible redistribution. The Company received an email from the Tribe (its Telephony Department supervisor) stating that it had received the materials and thanking the Company for sending them.

**Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma**

Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma Principal Chief George Thurman or his representatives never returned the Company's numerous telephone calls or responded to the Company's letter requesting a meeting. Therefore, no engagement regarding marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner took place.

**Section 6: 54.313(a)(9)(iv) Rights of Way Processes, Land Use Permitting, Facilities Siting, Environmental and Cultural Preservation Review Processes**

Please note: Due to the nature of Tribal lands in Oklahoma, essentially the only "Tribal Lands" over which the Tribal governments have control over issues such as rights of way and licensing are on lands where a Tribe's casino and/or Tribal government buildings are located. Under the Company's certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Company is required to provide the same level of service to all of its customers located within its service territory, which includes Tribal members.

**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**

In a meeting with the Tribe, the Company requested information relating to the process of obtaining rights of way and land use permits, as well as the steps required for siting facilities and environmental and cultural review processes. The Tribe informed the Company that, other than standard easements for obtaining rights of way on Tribally owned land, no other formalities from this section would be required to expand the Company's network to serve the Tribe. The Company already has one easement with the Tribe for right of way for a toll fiber that runs along a parcel of Tribally owned land outside of the Company's telephone exchange territory.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

As the Company's requests for a meeting with Tribal decision makers was not granted, engagement relating to the categories in this section was not possible. To the best of the

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Company's knowledge, none of its network is contained on lands owned by or held in trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma**

Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma Principal Chief George Thurman or his representatives never returned the Company's numerous telephone calls or responded to the Company's letter requesting a meeting. Therefore, no engagement regarding rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, or environmental and cultural preservation review processes took place.

**Section 7: 54.313(a)(9)(v) Compliance with Tribal Business Licensing Requirements**

Please note: Due to the nature of Tribal lands in Oklahoma, essentially the only "Tribal Lands" over which the Tribal governments have control over issues such as rights of way and licensing are on lands where a Tribe's casino and/or Tribal government buildings are located. Under the Company's certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Company is required to provide the same level of service to all of its customers located within its service territory, which includes Tribal members.

**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**

During discussions with the Tribe, the Company inquired as to whether the Tribe had specific business licensing requirements that the Company would have to meet in order to serve the Tribe or those residing on Tribally owned property, such as the Tribally owned trailer park in Tryon, Oklahoma, mentioned in Section 3 above. The Tribe informed the Company at the face-to-face meeting that there were no formal licensing procedures.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

As the Company's requests for a meeting with Tribal decision makers was not granted, engagement relating to business licensing requirements was not possible. To the best of the Company's knowledge, none of its network is contained on lands owned by or held in trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and therefore the Company does not believe that Tribal business licenses are required.

**Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma**

Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma Principal Chief George Thurman or his representatives never returned the Company's numerous telephone calls or responded to the Company's letter requesting a meeting. Therefore, no engagement regarding business licensing requirements took place. To the best of the Company's knowledge, none of its network is contained on lands owned by or held in trust for the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, and therefore the Company does not believe that Tribal business licenses are required.

**Section 8: Contact Summary**

The following is a list of all contact the Company had with the Tribal governments in 2012.

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**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**

Date	Contact Type (In-person, phone, email, etc.)	Employee Contact	Tribal Contact	Successful Attempt? (Yes/No)
10/11/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Call for Chairman Janice Rowe-Kurak, call was answered by an employee named Leah who transferred us to Chairman Rowe-Kurak's assistant Amy Scott. We left a message with Ms. Scott for the Chairman to call us back, explaining the purpose of our call	Yes, we were successful in making initial contact with the assistant of the Tribal Chairman
10/17/12	Phone	Steve Guest	Received a voice mail from Tribal IT Director Michael White	Yes, our initial call and message was returned by Mr. White
10/17/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	IT Director Michael White	Yes, Mr. White said he would e-mail us with his contact information and try to set up a face-to-face meeting the following week.
10/25/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	IT Director Michael White	No, we had to leave message
10/26/12	Phone	Steve Guest	IT Director Michael White	Yes, Mr. White called and set up a face-to-face meeting at the tribal headquarters for October 29, 2012
10/29/12	In-person meeting	Steve Guest, Aaron Gardner, and Carey Gardner (Marketing Director)	IT Director Michael White	Yes, we had a productive meeting with Mr. White, reviewing our offerings and discussing possible

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				ways to further serve the Tribe.
10/29/12	E-mail	Carey Gardner	IT Director Michael White	Yes, e-mail was a follow-up to the in-person meeting and contained marketing and service information
11/9/12	E-mail	Steve Guest	IT Director Michael White	E-mail was sent but no response was received
11/13/12	Phone	Steve Guest	Tribal Headquarters Receptionist	Yes, call simply to receive mailing address for Mr. White
11/13/12	Letter	Steve Guest	IT Director Michael White	Yes, mailed map showing our fiber facilities within the tribal boundaries as well as our telephone company exchange boundaries
12/5/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Call for Michael White, was informed by receptionist that he left the employment of the tribe; spoke with Interim IT Director Elexis Hennigh	Yes, further discussed proposals made to Mr. White at in-person meeting
12/5/12	E-mail	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Interim IT Director Elexis Hennigh	Yes, Ms. Hennigh sent her contact information for future reference

### Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Date	Contact Type (In-person, phone, email, etc.)	Employee Contact	Tribal Contact	Successful Attempt? (Yes/No)
10/11/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Call for Principal Chief George Tiger, transferred	We spoke with a number of employees but had

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			to Executive Director Jerry Wilson, who transferred us to Elsa Eholá in the Telephony Department, who transferred us to Telephony Supervisor Ted Tamage for whom we left a message with another employee for a callback	to leave a message for the Telephony Supervisor, who was the person we were directed to contact
10/25/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Telephony Supervisor Ted Tamage	No, left message
10/31/12	Letter	Steve Guest	Principal Chief George Tiger	No, we never received a response from the letter
12/5/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Telephony Supervisor Ted Tamage	Yes, spoke with Mr. Tamage. Requested a face-to-face meeting, but Mr. Tamage did not see a need for such and declined. Requested that we send any information via e-mail.
12/14/12	Letter	Steve Guest	Telephony Supervisor Ted Tamage	Yes, sent letter with exchange area maps and information on services offered, as well as another offer to meet in-person
12/17/12	E-mail	Steve Guest	From Telephony Supervisor Ted Tamage	Yes, e-mail stated that the Tribe had received the information we sent and assured us that the Tribe

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				would contact us if it needed anything
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**Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma**

Date	Contact Type (In-person, phone, email, etc.)	Employee Contact	Tribal Contact	Successful Attempt? (Yes/No)
10/11/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Call for Principal Chief George Thurman	No, call was not answered
10/15/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Principal Chief George Thurman	No, left message for Principal Chief Thurman
10/25/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Principal Chief George Thurman	No, left message for Principal Chief Thurman
10/31/12	Letter	Steve Guest	Principal Chief George Thurman	No, we never received a response from the letter
12/5/12	Phone	Steve Guest and Aaron Gardner	Principal Chief George Thurman	No, left message for Principal Chief Thurman

**LIFELINE SERVICE**

**I. Applicability**

- A. Lifeline Service is a telecommunications service assistance program designed to provide eligible residential customers with a credit to be applied to the price of basic local exchange service.
- B. Eligible customers will receive a credit as set forth in Section IV. Lifeline Credits below, to be applied to their basic local exchange access service.
- C. Customers shall not receive more than one Lifeline credit regardless of the number of residential access lines or locations the customer receives service within the State of Oklahoma.
- D. All charges, either recurring or nonrecurring, for any service or feature other than Lifeline Service shall be billed at the tariffed rate.
- E. Lifeline Service shall not be available on a retroactive basis.

**II. Designated Services Available to Lifeline Customers (1)**

The following services shall be offered to eligible Lifeline customers:

- 1. Single Party Service
- 2. Local Usage
- 3. Touch Tone Services
- 4. Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network
- 5. Access to Emergency Services
- 6. Access to Operator Services
- 7. Access to Interexchange Services
- 8. Access to Directory Assistance
- 9. Availability of Toll Restriction at No Charge (2)

**III. Eligibility Requirements**

- A. Customers or applicants seeking a Lifeline service credit must provide documentation to the Company establishing that the customer or applicant meets one or more of the following eligibility requirements prior to receiving the Lifeline service credit.

(1) Lifeline service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.

(2) Eligible customers accepting toll restriction services shall not be required to pay a deposit.

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**III. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)**

1. The applicant or customer must meet the requirements for eligibility for either Medicaid, Food Stamps, federal public housing, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, or Supplemental Security Income. Additionally, persons who are eligible recipients of income assistance for Vocational Rehabilitation (including Aid to the Hearing Impaired) are also eligible for the Lifeline Service credit; or
  2. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the State Department of Rehabilitation services, under programs providing vocational rehabilitation, including aid to the hearing impaired; or
  3. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, pursuant, pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act, section 5011 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
  4. For federal income tax purposes, the applicant is not a dependant unless over sixty years of age.
- B. The eligibility requirements listed above will be certified to by the applicant or the applicable state agency. The Company assumes no responsibility for the certification of customers or applicants eligibility.
- C. Upon receipt of the applicant's documentation establishing eligibility as stated above, the Company will begin providing the credit.
- D. Lifeline customers are required to provide documentation for the purpose of determining their continuing eligibility for the Lifeline credit, upon request of the Company, no less frequently than annually.
- E. The Lifeline service credit will be discontinued for customers who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline Service credit.

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**LIFELINE SERVICE**

IV. Lifeline Credits

	<u>Monthly Credit</u> (1)
1) federal subscriber line charge credit	(2)
2) initial federal credit to residential access line	\$1.75
3) initial state credit to residential access line	\$1.17
4) additional federal credit to residential access line (3)	\$0.58

- (1) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate. In no instance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$2.50 after application of the Lifeline credits.
- (2) Lifeline Service has been certified by the FCC, therefore, eligible Lifeline customers will receive the appropriate waiver of the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) as specified by the FCC.
- (3) Half of the amount specified on line 3, not to exceed \$1.75.

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**LIFELINE SERVICE**

**V. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands**

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**A.** The applicant or customer seeking to obtain Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands (see definition in 2.a. below) must demonstrate their current participation in at least one of the following assistance programs. The Applicant or customer shall complete and sign, under penalty of perjury, an authorization and self certification form provided by the Company. The Applicant or customer must check all of the following that apply.

1. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps)
2. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
4. Medical Assistance
5. Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired)
6. Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief
7. Federal Public Housing Assistance
8. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
9. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR")
10. 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
11. Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; (1)
12. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally-administered block grant programs; (2)
13. Head Start Programs (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income qualifying eligibility provision); or
14. National School Lunch Program (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals).

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**B.** The applicant or customer must also certify:

1. Residence on Tribal Lands as described in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, paragraph (v).
2. Agreement to notify Company if applicant or customer no longer participates in the program or programs described in paragraph 1. above, for which the Applicant or Customer certified their participation in.
3. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless the applicant is over the age of 60.

**C.** Upon receipt of the completed self certification, Company will begin providing the credit set forth in F. below. Lifeline credits will not be implemented or continued unless telephone service arrangements are and remain within the Lifeline Service criteria specified above.

- (1) Applicant must "have sufficient resources to meet the basic and special needs defined by the Bureau Standard of assistance," 25 C.F.R. § 20.21.
- (2) 42 U.S.C. § 612 and 45 C.F.R. § 286.

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## LIFELINE SERVICE

V. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands (Continued) AT

D. The Lifeline credits will be discontinued upon receipt by the Company of notice by the Customer that they no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline credits.

E. The Lifeline credits will be automatically discontinued unless the customer annually certifies they continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Lifeline credits. All such annual re-self certifications must be submitted to the Company within the time frames determined by the Company.

F. Lifeline customers will be converted to standard residential service rates once they no longer qualify for Lifeline Service. No service charge will apply for this change in service.

VI. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands DT

Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands has been established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), therefore eligible Lifeline customers will receive the appropriate credits, depending on the programs the customer participates in, as specified by the FCC in its Twelfth Report and Order entered into in CC Docket No. 96-45 and as set forth below:

A. If a customer indicates eligibility to receive Lifeline credits as, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medical Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR) or Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief Act (68 O.S. §5011, et seq.), then the Customer should receive credits as follows: AT

	<u>Monthly Credit<sup>(1)</sup></u>	
Federal Lifeline Credit:	\$9.25	CR
Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Credit	\$1.17	CR

Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line  
necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00 (See footnote (2) below)

- (1) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate, less \$1.00. In no instance shall a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits. DT
- (2) Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction off the applicable monthly tariff rate for their local exchange service, not to exceed \$25.00 as specified by the FCC in its Twelfth Report and Order entered in CC Docket No. 96-45.

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## LIFELINE SERVICE

### VI. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands (Continued)

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- B. If a customer indicates his eligibility to receive Lifeline credits as only one or more of the following: Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally administered block grant programs, Head Start Programs (only those meeting its income qualifying eligibility provision), 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or National School Lunch Program (only Applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals), then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

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#### Monthly Credit <sup>(3)</sup>

Federal Lifeline Credit:

\$9.25

CR

Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line

Necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00 (See footnote (4) below)

- (3) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate less \$1.00. In no instance will subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits.
- (4) Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction off the applicable monthly tariff rate for their local exchange service, not to exceed \$25.00 as specified by the FCC in its Twelfth Report and Order entered in CC Docket No. 96-45.

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**Link Up America Assistance for Initiating Service**

**I. Applicability**

- A. The Link Up America Service Connection Program is a federally sponsored lifeline assistance program designed to make telephone service accessible to low-income residential households who are currently not on the public switched network.
- B. Through the program the Service Charge for the installation of the main residence access line, as described elsewhere in the Company tariffs, will be discounted at the rate of fifty percent, not to exceed \$30.00. The remaining portion of the Service Charge may, at the customer's option be billed in equal increments over a four month period.
- C. The state-specific plan has been named Link Up Oklahoma.

**II. Eligibility Requirements**

- A. The following requirements shall be used by the Company to determine the eligibility of a subscriber for Link Up Oklahoma assistance.
  - 1. For federal income tax purposes, the applicant is not a dependant unless over sixty years of age.
  - 2. The applicant must meet the requirements for eligibility for either Food Stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medical Assistance or Supplemental Security Income. Additionally, persons who are eligible recipients of income assistance for Vocational Rehabilitation (including Aid to the Hearing Impaired) are also eligible for Link Up Oklahoma assistance.
- B. The eligibility requirements listed above will be certified to by the applicant or the applicable state agency. The Company assumes no responsibility for the certification of customers or applicants eligibility.
- C. Upon receipt of the applicant's documentation establishing eligibility as stated above, the Company will provide the discount, as set forth above.

**III. Link-Up Credit**

Half of Service Connection Charge or \$30.00, whichever is less.

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**Link Up America Assistance for Initiating Service (Continued)**

**IV. Link Up America – On Tribal Lands**

A. The Link Up America on Tribal Lands program is available to eligible applicants who certify residence on tribal lands as defined in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, paragraph (v).<sup>(1)</sup>

B. The applicant or customer seeking to obtain Link Up Service on Tribal Lands credits must demonstrate their current participation in one of the following assistance programs. The Applicant or Customer shall complete and sign, under penalty of perjury, an authorization and self-certification form provided by the Company.

1. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps)
2. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
4. Medical Assistance
5. Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired)
6. Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief
7. Federal Public Housing Assistance
8. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
9. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") AT
10. 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (2) AT
11. Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance;<sup>(3)</sup>
12. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally-administered block grant programs;<sup>(4)</sup>
13. Head Start Programs (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income qualifying eligibility provision); or
14. National School Lunch Program (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals).

C. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless the applicant is over the age of 60 years of age.

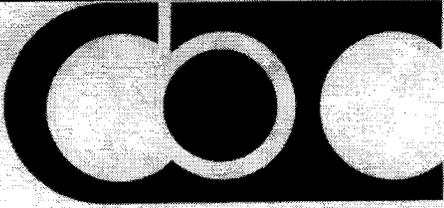
D. The applicant must also certify agreement to notify the Company if the applicant no longer participates in the program or programs described in paragraph 2, above, for which the Applicant certified their participation in.

E. The service installation charge, as described elsewhere in this tariff, will be a 100% reduction up to \$100.00, including any facilities based charges associated with the extension of lines or construction of facilities needed to initiate service.

F. The discount will not apply to charges for facilities or equipment on the customer side of the demarcation point.

(1) The Company shall have no responsibility for the certification of applicant's or customers eligibility.  
(2) Effective June 1, 2012  
(3) Applicant must "have sufficient resources to meet the basic and special needs defined by the Bureau Standard of assistance," 25 C.F.R. § 20.21.  
(4) 42 U.S.C. § 612 and 45 C.F.R. § 286.

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October 15, 2013

Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)

RE: Form 481, Section 3005 – Rate of Return Data

The attached RUS Annual Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers has been prepared using audited trial balances for Central Oklahoma Telephone Company (the "Company"), and includes the required Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Statement of Cash Flows for the Company.

Although the numbers presented hereon the Company's RUS report have been audited, the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and related management letter have not yet been released due to an open item with one of the Company's subsidiaries. This subsidiary has a significant investment in a partnership, which is audited by a CPA firm different than our own. Our CPA firm relies on the work of the other auditor as it pertains to this investment, and the audit report of the other auditor for this investment has not yet been completed.

Upon receipt of the missing information, we expect the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and management letter to be promptly completed and filed with the RUS.

Sincerely,

Steve Guest  
Central Oklahoma Telephone Company

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<b>&lt;020&gt; Program Year</b>	2014
<b>&lt;030&gt; Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data</b>	Charles Curtis
<b>&lt;035&gt; Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line &lt;030&gt;</b>	2523492203
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**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			Funded Debt-Other		
			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			42. Reacquired Debt		
a. Rural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
b. Nonrural Development			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
12. Other Investments			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
a. Rural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
b. Nonrural Development			<b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>		
13. Nonregulated Investments			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			48. Other Deferred Credits		
15. Deferred Charges			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)					
			51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed		
<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			53. Treasury Stock		
19. Property Held for Future Use			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
20. Plant Under Construction			55. Other Capital		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
24. <b>TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)</b>			<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)</b>		

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]		
47. TIER [(31+26)/26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]		

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**PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES
2. Net Income	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities
3. Add: Depreciation	
4. Add: Amortization	
5. Other (Explain)	Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	
20. Less: Payment of Dividends	
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	
22. Other (Explain)	
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	
25. Other Long-Term Investments	
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	
27. Other (Explain)	
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	
30. Ending Cash	